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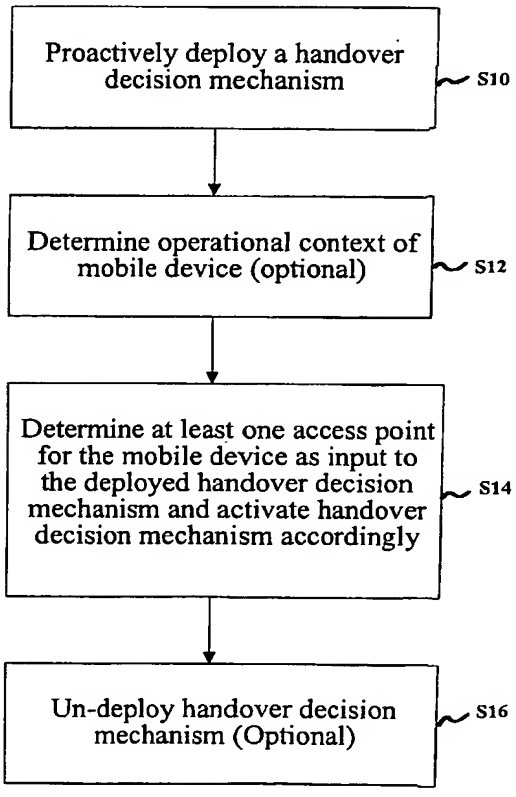

(57) Abstract: To achieve optimal selection of new access points for mobile devices (10) being located in a mobile communication environment (14), according to the present invention there is provided a method of assisting handovers for a mobile device in a mobile communication environment. It is proposed to proactively deploy a handover decision mechanism in relation to a handover and in view of the operational context of the mobile device (10). This proactively deployed handover decision mechanism is then used to determine a new access point for the mobile device (10).

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